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E.O.11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR CGEN EG UR LY

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN SHIPWRECK: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. I HAVE RECEIVED AN UNUSUAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR (ZAKI) OF THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN TUNIS, APPARENTLY PURSUANT TO A CIRCULAR REQUEST BY GOE TO ITS DIPLOMATIC POSTS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF EGYPTIAN SEAMEN WHO WERE VICTIMS OF A DISASTER AT SEA.

2. ACCORDING TO ZAKI AN EGYPTIAN MERCHANT VESSEL (UNNAMED) EXPLODED AT SEA SOUTH OF CRETE ON FEBRUARY 12. A NEARBY SOVIET VESSEL REPORTEDLY RESCUED SOME OF THE CREW AND TOOK THEM TO A LIBYAN PORT. SINCE GOE NOW HAS LIMITED FACILITIES FOR INVESTIGATING MATTERS OF CONCERN TO ITSELF IN LIBYA, IT IS CONDUCTING A SEARCH FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE MISSING SEAMEN AND THEIR WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS.

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ZAKI ADDED THAT VOA HAD CARRIED A NEWS ITEM ON FEBRUARY 12 OR 13 REGARDING THIS ACCIDENT. HE ASKED IF WE COULD CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING. I PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT.

3. COMMENT: THE CHANNEL USED FOR THIS MESSAGE STRIKES ME AS RATHER CURIOUS, AS IT WOULD SEEM MORE LOGICAL FOR GOE TO HAVE APPROACHED USG THROUGH AMEMBASSY CAIRO (WHICH

IT MAY HAVE DONE). THIS MAY SIMPLY BE A WELL-INTENTIONED
BUT UNQUIDED INITIATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD APPRRCIATE
ANY CONTRIBUTIONS ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY MAKE TO ENLIGHTEN
OUR LOCAL EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES. MULCAHY

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